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1. I met with General Carter, Shef Edwards, and to discuss the question of whether we should resume the use of employment review boards. This mechanism for considering cases of individuals who might be unsuitable for continued Agency employment was used extensively for several years but has been used very sparingly during the last few years. No clear-cut or rigid rules came out of this conference. General Carter recognized that one was in a stronger position should an employee contest an adverse decision if he was supported by the recommendations of a board; however, he wanted to make it very clear that he did not want to be bound by the recommendations of any board. He decided to "play it by ear"; however, it was agreed that when a case seemed to be clear-cut we would not spend the time and effort necessary to convene a board, which in all probability would serve no purpose except to "make a record."

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- 2. I asked to prepare formal comments on the Personnel Management Task Force study, and I have forwarded to him my earlier informal comments to use as a starting point.
- 3. John Bross telephoned to say that he had received a request from the Deputy Director (Research) to raise imprest fund to \$20,000. He 25X1A9a queried whether it was necessary to have Mr. in his present capacity and whether he could not perform the same function in a position in the Central 25X1A9a Processing Branch. I agreed that this was a very valid question and that I would look into it. (He sent me the papers on the imprest fund, which aren't too helpful in making a decision in this particular situation; however, I do want to study this matter and try to come to some conclusion as to whether it is necessary to continue the present arrangement.)

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4. Jim Garrison and were in to bring me up to date on the status of construction at and at the headquarters building. We got into a general discussion of the space requirements in the new building and of discussion with Mr. Kirkpatrick on this subject. I told Jim and H. S. that I did not want to proceed with this study on a piecemeal basis; on the contrary, I wanted to do another over-all study of our space requirements just as we did when we allocated space in the new building to the several components

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several years ago. I have also talked to Kirk about this and have advised him that I proposed to proceed in this way rather than on a piecemeal basis. He said that he agreed fully with this proposal.

5. At the Executive Committee Meeting today:

- a. Bud Wheelon made a presentation on the Office of Scientific Intelligence R&D effort, which is "pegged" at \$1.71 million for Fiscal Year 1963 and at \$3.666 million in Fiscal Year 1964. Everyone agreed that this was highly desirable research and development and was inexpensive for what we would be getting. However, no one had any ideas about where the increased funds would come from if our budget ceiling remains firm.
- b. Mr. Kirkpatrick raised the question of the cover for the National Photographic Interpretation Center, and it was the consensus that we were kidding ourselves by trying to implement the planned cover story for NPIC. Inasmuch as Mr. McCone personally made this decision, General Carter was most reluctant to change it and asked me to assemble the interested parties again and to give him as promptly as possible a new paper on the history of this matter and our current recommendations. (This I did on 21 August; see memo dated 21 August 1962 to DDCI, subj: "Cover for NPIC".)
- c. Apparently there was a recent incident in which a "satellite component" of the station received instructions from headquarters about a rather important matter which were not communicated to the Chief of Station. General Carter emphasized that he wanted everyone to understand that the Chief of Station was responsible for everything at his station and that any special communications channels must be used for technical matters only.
- d. General Carter announced that the supergrade study had been approved by the Director. Mr. Bross was requested to draft a brief note to the Bureau of the Budget advising them of this action, and it is planned to inform our Congressional committees at the first opportunity but incidental to other briefings.
- 6. Matt Baird was in to see me about a number of things:

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b. He proposed, and I have approved on a trial basis, the separation of the functions of the Chief of Support at from those of the Base

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25X1A c. Matt and I also discussed the question of whether we would have Course next spring. He is to see within the next few 25X1A9a 25X1A9a days. I told him to tell Joe that we were uncertain about the spring course and to ascertain, if possible, the latest date by which we could let him know. 25X1A6b d. Matt reported that we have fifty-nine JOT's in the present class and that they appear to be a very good class. 25X1A6b 7. I have agreed to go to on Wednesday, 29 August, to look into certain problems there, returning to Washington on Thursday, 30 August. 25X1A6b

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